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## 2008 Calavera Contest

A *calavera* is a traditional Mexican poem about death. *Calaveras* are humorous, sarcastic and satirical. A *calavera* is usually written about a living person who is well-known to the expected audience as though that person had died and is being memorialized in the *calavera*. In summing up the person's life and death (their death is usually important in the poem, and Death is a woman), the satire can range from a gentle tease to a ferocious attack. The person can be an internationally famous politician or someone who is just known to a few people, depending on the intended audience. *Calaveras* are, of course, traditionally written in Spanish, but this competition is also open to *calaveras* in English. Any *calaveras* submitted must be original and written by the submitter.

Length: Maximum 40 lines rhymed or unrhymed. Deadline to enter the contest is Oct. 15. The contest is open to everyone. An author submitting a *calavera* retains the copyright to the poem, but grants the Life in Death event permission to use it for publicity, promotion, and educational projects for an indefinite period.

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